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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to the Advisory Action dated January 3, 2003 and several telephone communications with the Examiner since January 31, 2003. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A process for sealing at least one polymeric material to a polymeric catheter tube, comprising the steps of:

providing a catheter tube having a first predetermined bonding location and a second predetermined bonding location for bonding a polymeric material thereto, each bonding location separate from each other and having a polymeric material overlapping the catheter tube at the bonding location;

simultaneously generating a first and a second annular beam of electromagnetic energy from two separate energy sources, the first beam being at least partially absorbable at a selected energy wavelength by at least one of the polymeric material at the first bond site location and the catheter tube and the second beam being at least partially absorbable at a selected energy

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